

Solemnity of All Saints November 1, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 11/1 11:00	Special Intention	Keri Allen
Mon. 11/2 11:00	All Souls' Day	
Wed. 11/4 12:10	Troy Muhlenkamp Family	Stella Burns
Thurs. 11/5 12:10	Terry Linn Family	Stella Burns
Fri. 11/6 9:00	Pamela Moniz	Pauline Cavanaugh
Sat. 11/7 4:00	Fred Burns	Stella Burns

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~Fr. Barone

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The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Join us 20 minutes before the weekend Masses to pray and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Saint of the Week

If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor.

-St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584), Bishop, Patron of Spiritual Leaders, Feast Day Nov. 4

- Our Lady of the Mountains**
- Guidelines and Precautions during the Covid-19 Pandemic**
- We are taking the following precautions to keep everyone safe at Mass.
1. The obligation to attend Mass is still lifted.
 2. Social distance of 6ft is observed at all times.
 3. Seating is limited to every other pew to facilitate social distancing.
 4. Sanitizing hands is encouraged upon entering and leaving. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.
 5. The wearing of masks is highly encouraged. Masks are available at the entrances.
 6. Reusable items in the pews have been removed, such as hymnals and missals.
 7. Congregational singing is suspended.
 8. All physical contact between congregants is suspended such as hand-holding at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.
 9. The priest sanitizes his hand between households during the distribution of Holy Communion.
 10. Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.
 11. All high-contact surfaces are disinfected after Mass.

Father's Column

The Origin of Seminaries

This bulletin is being written within the walls of St. Joseph's College Seminary in Charlotte. While SJCS, founded in 2016, is still new, the model of seminaries it follows dates back to the late 1500s. Prior to that period, priestly formation lacked uniformity and saw differences from one diocese to another. In time, necessity demanded a change.

The historical origin of seminaries constitutes part of the Catholic Church's late sixteenth century response to Protestantism called the Counter Reformation. One could certainly blame poorly-educated and poorly-formed priests as one factor causing nearly half of Europe to leave the Catholic fold in search of reform. Upon serious and forced introspection, the Church realized her need for reform in priestly formation. St. Charles Borromeo, whose feast falls on November 4th, led this great movement towards seminaries.

Every good priest requires formation of intellect and will. In other words, he needs to learn the faith (intellect) and apply that knowledge to his life by becoming holy (will). So, in the process of developing the seminary, the Church searched for the finest tools in her arsenal.

For the formation of the intellect, the Church turned to Scholasticism, which is essentially the university model of study developed in the Medieval Ages (that's right, the Church invented the university) with a large focus on Aristotle, Scripture, the teachings of the Church Fathers, and later the Scholastic theologians themselves, such as St. Thomas Aquinas. This effective model of study, while in use during the period leading up to the 1500s, was

not universally employed by seminarians, nor was it coupled to the formation of the will.

For a millennium, the Church possessed saint-making factories called monasteries. The goal of the monastic life is precisely sainthood. The solution became obvious: seminaries would rely heavily upon monastic observances. Like monks, seminarians live in cells, take common meals, attend Mass and sing the Divine Office in choir, observe silence for part of the day. Even the seminary buildings themselves often follow monastic architecture.

Certainly, seminaries maintained an element of apprenticeship and over the centuries finetune their art of crafting good and holy priests; nonetheless, men like St. Charles set their foundations. To the degree that seminaries are faithful in their pursuit of truth and holiness, they flourish. When they stray from this path, they wither. St. Joseph's in Charlotte is committed to the former.

Prayer of the Week

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our President and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor.

Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners—on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen

(Excerpt from a prayer attributed to Archbishop John Carroll, first bishop of the United States.)

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Stewart Austin, Laura Sanders, Mary Catherine Cann, James Urbanski, Sandy Powers, Griffin Harper, The Klingler Family, Shawn Webster, The Persichetti Family, Nick Barry

Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.

Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.

Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.

Nick Klingler, John Powers, Earl Goodrow and Ron Simmons, Lee Smith, Harry Vaughn